



TO: AmeriCorps State and National Grantees

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RE: Impact of AmeriCorps Benefits on Federal Program Eligibility

This memorandum is intended to clarify how benefits received under AmeriCorps State and National are treated for any Federal or federally-assisted programs.

The AmeriCorps State and National program was authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (NCSA), 42 U.S.C. § 12501 *et seq.* The NCSA states that allowances, earnings, and payments to participants in AmeriCorps programs “shall not be considered income for the purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of income transfer and in-kind aid furnished under any Federal or federally-assisted program based on need, other than as provided in the Social Security Act.” 42 U.S.C. § 12637(d).